development. The development works at all these airports will be completed by March, 2010.

(b) Patna airport has been identified as one of the 35 non-metro airports for development. Extension of runway and construction of new integrated cargo complex are proposed subject to availability of land from the State Government and removal of obstacles in the approach path of proposed runway extension. At Gaya airport, a new integrated terminal building for 500 passengers, expansion of apron to accommodate big aircraft etc. have been completed and they are in operation. Provision of ILS has also been taken up.

(c) and (d) Government have laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the counrty including North-East region. It is however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government in this regard. Further, Indian Airlines, Jet Airways, Jet Lite, Air Deccan are already operating their flights through Patna airport.

Establishment of Chopper Pilot Training Institute

1089. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a Chopper Pilot Training Centre in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the time frame set to commence the training;

(c) the total number of Chopper Pilots that would be trained every year;

(d) whether there would be any provisions and relaxation for SC/ST candidates; and

(e) whether there would be a quota to train women candidate as Chopper Pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There is no proposal to establish Helicopter Training Centre in Bangalore under the aegis to this Ministry. However, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore, a Government of India undertaking under the Department of Defence Production is imparting ab-initio flying training since year 2000 for Commercial Helicopter Pilot's Licence.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Setting up of new aviation training institute

1090. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up new aviation training institutes to tackle pilot shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its locations;

(c) what is the current shortage of trained pilots in the country; and

(d) the interim action plan of Government to fill this gap to meet the needs of growing air traffic in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Government has decided to set up a world class flying training institute at Gondia, Maharashtra under the aegis of Airports Authority of India (AAI).

(c) On the basis of estimated growth in civil aviation sector there will be a requirement of 5000 pilots in the next five years.

(d) The Government has taken various steps to reduce the gap between demand and supply of skilled Indian pilots. These include conditionally increasing the age-limt to 65 years for pilots, upgradation and modernisation of training infrastructure of the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) to enhance its training capacity from 40 to 100 pilots per year and assistance to flying clubs by allocating trainer aircraft through Directorate General of Civil Aviation/Aero Club of India.

Sharing of Real Estate Deposits at Delhi Airports

1091. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private developer of Delhi International Airports Ltd. (DIAL) has declined to share its real estate deposits with Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such a decision would reduce the AAI's revenues considerably; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to safeguard the interests of Government owned AAI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Delhi International Airport Private Limited (DIAL) had earlier proposed to raise part-finance through security deposit from property development at the airport. The proposal was being processed. In the meanwhile, DIAL has come forward with other options for funding the project and they are being examined.

Ultra modern equipments for Delhi Airport

1092. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up ultra modern equipment at airport for smoother landing at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar equipment would be set up at other international and important airports in the country; and

(d) if so, to what extent the landings of planes at airports would be safer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already provided CAT-IIIB Instrument Landing System (ILS) at runway 28 at Indira Gandhi International Airport,